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Garrison Claims Life Is Threatened

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison, who has been investigating the Kennedy assassination for the last six months, says there have been threats on his life.

Garrison would not comment when asked yesterday about precautions he might be taking.

The 6-foot-6 Garrison, whose unorthodox methods as a prosecutor have startled this city since he was elected five years ago, customarily carries a pistol. His home has been under 24-hour guard for weeks.

The FBI notified New Orleans police yesterday that a woman in Georgia was reported to have threatened Garrison's life. The FBI gave no details.

Criminal Dist. Judge Edward Haggerty, meanwhile, refused yesterday to throw out an arrest warrant against Gordon Novel, sought by Garrison as a material witness in his Kennedy assassination conspiracy probe.

Novel, 29, sold his French Quarter tavern and left town last week just before a second subpoena was issued for him to appear before the Orleans Parish grand jury. He was last reported in the Washington, D.C., area.